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World War II was one of the worst wars ever recorded in history. Tons of men and women sacrificed their lives to defend and protect Canada so that the citizens of Canada and the rest of the world could end up living in peace. For that we are ever grateful to them. The Canadian Army played an important role in World War II and I will be talking about one of the many brave Canadian soldiers that served in the Canadian Army and his name is Victor Edmund Roberge.

Victor Edmund Roberge was born in Montreal on August 12th, 1921 into a Roman Catholic family. He was the son of Hector Roberge and Gertrude Roberge. He then moved to Winnipeg from Montreal with his family and their Winnipeg address was 127 Brook Street. He then attended St. Paul’s Collage from 1938 – 1940. He was a great student that excelled in all of his courses and was described as a smart, very fair looking gentleman (School Records). He had blond hair, glasses and what seem to be either blue or greenish eyes from his photograph in St. Paul’s High School.

From there, he enlisted into the Canadian Army on September 10, 1942 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was 5’11½” and a good 140 pounds when he enlisted. He was the given the rank of Lieutenant as part of the South Saskatchewan Regiment, R.C.I.C. and he was given the Regiment number of H.67594. He was later married to Miss Marie Anne Marguerite Filion in St. Mary’s Cathedral on April 1943 and they ended up having a child on March 9, 1944. Victor ended up going overseas into Germany in July 1943 and crossed to continent in July 1944.

He was making an exceptional performance as Lieutenant. However, on March 9, 1945, Victor Edmund Roberge died from wounds received in action. This was very sad because this was on his child’s first birthday and his wife, after his death, moved to California. He was given many awards/honors such as the 1939 – 1945 star, the France-Germany star, a defense medal, war medal and a CVSM with clasp.

Victor Edmund Roberge really seemed like a great man and a good person. However, we never should forget those other men who served our country in this horrific war that gave us the peace we have today. These men were truly brave hero’s in history and their stories shouldn’t go untold. Lest we forget.